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Alabama's Veterans: A Comparison by Sex

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This article presents an analysis of selected demographic and socioeconomic characteristics of female veterans in Alabama compared with similar information on their male counterparts as reflected in the 1980 decennial census. The data on Alabama veterans by sex were obtained from the Public Use Microdata Tapes, which contain information from the 5 percent sample of Alabamians, rather than the less detailed 100 percent count. Other data were obtained from the 100 percent census count and special tabulations performed by the Veterans Administration.

The socioeconomic position of Alabama's service veterans is not significantly different from that of the United States' service veterans as a whole. In 1980 for both Alabama and the United States, female veterans as well as females as a whole demonstrated less than equal status with their male counterparts. Women earned less income than their male counterparts; participated less in the labor force than did their male equivalents; and completed college at a rate below that for males. Female veterans also represented more than half of the comparable share of peacetime veterans among males in Alabama as well as the United States.

Age

In 1980, there were 428,800 veterans in Alabama, of whom only 3.6 percent were female. The youngest segment of the state's female veterans, those under 25 years old, was proportionately larger at 10.3 percent compared to 3.3 percent for male veterans of the same age group. The same phenomenon was true for the United States as a whole, for which the youngest sector of female veterans—those under 35 years old—represented 27.7 percent of all female veterans, while the corresponding share for male veterans was half that proportion (13.3 percent). The larger percentage of female veterans under 35 years old both in Alabama and the United States points toward women's increasing level of participation in the military during the last ten years.

While female veterans tend to be younger than their male counterparts in both Alabama and the United States, the opposite appears evident for the nonveteran civilian population in Alabama. In 1980, 22.1 percent of nonveteran civilian females in Alabama was under 25 years old, while 33.7 percent of the nonveteran civilian male population was under 25.

The size of the female veteran population aged 65 and over in Alabama and the United States is reflective of the elderly population in general. In 1980, female veterans 65 years old and over equalled 16.8 percent of the total female veteran population in Alabama, a share proportionately larger than the similarly aged male veterans, 9.7 percent. At the end of September 1984, 22.1 percent of the female veteran population in the United States was at least 65 years old while 16.2 percent of the male veteran population was similarly aged. Among nonveteran civilians in Alabama in 1980, 17.4 percent of the females and 14.5 percent of the males were at least 65 years old.

War and Peace

The span of service of a majority of male and female veterans included a time of war. The 1980 female veteran population was comprised of 57.4 percent war veterans and 41.9 percent peacetime veterans, while for male veterans the figures were 84.0 percent war veterans and 16.0 percent peacetime veterans. Of the total war veterans in Alabama, only 2.5 percent were women. By comparison, 8.9 percent of the state's total peacetime veterans were women. In 1984, 37.2 percent of the female veterans in the United States were peacetime veterans compared to 17.9 percent of male peacetime veterans.

In Alabama, 16.9 percent of the female peacetime veteran population were under the age of 25, while only 4.5 percent of the female war veterans were 25 years old or younger. Similarly, 14.2 percent of the male peacetime veterans were under age 25 compared to 1.3 percent of male war veterans under 25 years old. This phenomenon also holds true for the elderly veteran population. A higher percentage of male and female veterans 65 years old and over were peacetime veterans rather than war veterans. Twenty percent of female peacetime veterans were 65 years old and over compared to 14.6 percent female war veterans similarly aged. The number of male war veterans 65 years old and over equalled 10.7 percent compared to 3.9 percent of the total male peacetime veterans in the same age group.

Education

The percentage of female and male veterans in Alabama who completed high school appears to be representative of the general population. The percentage of female high school graduates was equal to or slightly above the percentage of males who completed high school. In Alabama, all females 15 years old and over who graduated from high school equalled 54.7 percent compared to 55.0 percent for males. For veterans specifically, 36.8 percent of the females and 34.0 percent of males completed high school. Males completed college at a higher rate than females. In Alabama in 1980, 8.5 percent of females 15 years old and over completed four or more years of college compared to 11.8 percent of males in the same age group. Similarly, 9.3 percent of male veterans in Alabama completed college compared to 7.7 percent for female veterans. The percentage of veterans that completed college was less than that for general population of the state. Hence, it is difficult to show the importance of the G.I. Bill to increase post-secondary education attainment by veterans in Alabama. The proportion of male and female veterans in Alabama that completed secondary and post-secondary education is reflective of the levels of educational attainment among veterans in the United States as a whole. For the U.S. in 1980, the levels of educational attainment for both male and female veterans were fairly equal. Of the total female veteran population, 77.3 percent graduated from high school. Correspondingly, 73.4 percent of the total male veteran population completed high school. College graduates comprised 14.8 percent of the female veteran population in 1980, a share slightly below the 18.7 percent for male veterans.

Labor Force Participation

The proportion of male and female veterans in the labor force, both employed and unemployed, as well as the propor-

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GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA

Type of Activity	Annual		1984											1985	
	1983	1984	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.
INDUSTRIAL															
Bituminous coal production[1] *(1,000 net tons)*	23,071	28,068	2,434	2,518	2,211	2,327	2,377	2,056	2,590	2,418	2,517	2,238	2,201	1,916	1,931
Natural gas production *(1,000,000 cu. ft.)*	126,576	137,180	11,264	10,750	11,386	11,920	9,984	10,667	11,898	11,371	11,742	12,156	13,079	12,825	11,617
Cotton consumption *(1,000 lbs.)*	360,820	338,597	31,542	29,964	27,531	30,038	26,733	23,408	29,670	28,420	30,981	26,510	25,200	25,162	25,680
Crude oil and condensate production[2] *(1,000 barrels)*	18,708	19,807	1,578	1,590	1,533	1,673	1,583	1,752	1,680	1,673	1,662	1,696	1,763	1,761	1,634
Electric energy consumption, industrial purposes *(1,000,000 kwh)*	21,020	24,250	1,958	1,919	1,983	2,005	2,104	2,039	2,146	2,135	2,097	2,063	1,971	1,912	1,960
Pulp, paper, and paperboard production *(1,000 net tons)*	6,166	6,514	526	580	571	525	561	534	559	540	571	520	496	533	509
CONSTRUCTION															
Building contracts awarded, new and alterations combined[3] *($1,000)*	2,763,700	3,031,500	156,200	243,100	175,200	571,700	231,400	210,600	383,400	202,200	230,000	235,000	168,700	215,200	243,700
Residential	1,286,500	1,228,200	78,600	125,600	104,600	117,500	114,100	105,900	163,200	96,800	84,200	90,300	51,200	87,200	83,900
Nonresidential	1,025,800	929,500	36,300	66,500	48,500	92,500	71,300	60,700	137,900	43,900	88,100	84,200	89,500	90,300	133,100
Public works and utilities	451,300	873,500	41,300	51,000	22,100	361,300	46,400	43,900	84,200	59,300	57,800	60,500	28,000	37,500	26,900
Cement consumption *(1,000 net tons)*	1,086	1,197	87	108	100	112	117	102	110	105	105	100	83	64	70
FINANCE															
Savings in savings and loan associations[4] *($1,000,000)*	5,263	5,887	5,323	5,389	5,387	5,416	5,492	5,544	5,606	5,681	5,740	5,805	5,887	5,961	6,013
Tax collections *($1,000)*															
Total	2,288,165	2,637,841	202,747	264,652	234,338	246,438	198,192	195,871	215,569	241,633	225,955	217,523	188,995	234,054	208,140
Franchise	52,214	64,476	1,153	28,642	5,879	1,275	2,504	8,422	2,315	6,357	4,799	2,537	292	743	1,415
Gasoline (excl. aviation)	199,587	207,095	16,305	15,305	17,523	17,585	17,564	17,504	17,752	18,217	16,284	17,697	16,942	17,148	16,883
Income	815,838	1,009,832	95,328	130,393	82,889	130,465	81,367	42,840	90,776	92,998	48,127	88,819	76,705	65,174	99,678
Motor fuels	45,027	50,278	4,409	3,448	3,899	4,703	3,735	3,580	5,287	3,166	4,583	5,374	4,679	3,572	4,033
Oil/gas privilege	89,645	70,183	5,924	5,475	5,164	5,571	5,438	5,605	9,662	5,294	5,319	4,829	6,159	5,629	5,747
Oil/gas production	17,290	17,331	1,565	1,442	1,384	1,480	1,437	1,478	1,322	1,409	1,413	1,267	1,649	1,504	1,537
Sales	609,132	704,299	49,655	50,142	55,808	56,985	58,145	57,514	56,957	58,767	81,495	58,477	52,785	74,362	50,419
2.2% Gross receipts	46,185	54,765	152	9	13,448	210	1	13,723	.....	15	13,638	66	.....	13,643	.....
TVA electric	31,290	36,734	.....	2,867	2,867	2,867	2,867	2,867	2,867	6,895	.....	3,451	3,451	3,451	3,451
Tobacco	68,915	70,022	4,985	5,418	5,734	6,072	6,211	5,980	6,516	6,380	5,990	5,939	5,313	6,299	5,573
Use	66,519	75,723	1,975	1,045	15,351	2,019	604	16,868	1,310	1,419	18,146	1,389	531	18,440	842
Utility	152,287	151,261	15,900	13,171	11,714	9,654	11,225	12,587	14,277	12,234	10,527	11,889	13,322	16,356	12,754
PRICES															
Consumer Price Index, U.S.[5] *(1967 = 100)*															
All items	298.4	311.1	306.6	307.3	308.8	309.7	310.7	311.7	313.0	314.5	315.3	315.3	315.5	316.1	317.4
Food	291.7	302.9	302.1	302.2	302.3	301.4	302.0	303.2	304.8	304.2	304.4	304.1	305.1	307.3	309.5
Housing	323.1	336.5	331.0	331.5	333.2	334.6	336.2	338.1	339.5	341.4	341.2	340.9	341.2	342.0	343.6
Fuel and utilities	370.3	387.3	383.0	380.1	380.9	385.5	390.0	393.9	395.5	397.0	392.4	387.5	386.0	387.2	386.5
Apparel and upkeep	196.5	200.2	196.2	198.8	199.2	198.9	197.4	196.6	200.1	204.2	205.7	205.2	203.2	199.8	201.8
Transportation	298.4	311.7	305.8	306.9	309.6	312.2	313.1	312.9	312.9	313.7	315.5	316.1	315.8	314.7	314.3
Medical care	357.3	379.5	373.2	374.5	375.7	376.8	378.0	380.3	381.9	383.1	385.5	387.5	388.5	391.1	393.8
Energy	419.3	423.6	420.2	418.1	421.3	426.1	428.5	428.3	427.3	429.0	426.7	421.8	418.9	414.5	411.4
Producer Price Index, U.S.[6] *(1967 = 100)*															
All commodities	303.1	310.3	308.9	311.0	311.3	311.5	311.3	311.9	310.7	309.3	309.4	310.3	309.9	309.8	309.2
Industrial commodities	315.7	322.6	320.6	321.9	322.6	323.2	323.8	323.9	323.3	322.2	323.4	323.8	323.0	323.2	322.5
Index of prices received by Alabama farmers *(1977 = 100)*	121.3	127.9	138.0	138.0	138.0	134.0	127.0	129.0	121.0	122.0	115.0	119.0	114.0	117.0	117.0
Purchasing power of the dollar, U.S. *(1967 = $1.000)* As measured by															
Consumer prices	335	321	326	325	324	323	322	321	319	318	317	317	317	316	315
Wholesale prices	330	322	324	322	321	321	321	321	322	323	323	322	323	323	323
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT[7]															
Civilian labor force *(1,000 workers)*	1,758.0	1,794.0	1,753.1	1,766.2	1,790.3	1,804.8	1,821.5	1,815.0	1,807.5	1,808.3	1,816.4	1,801.5	1,797.5	1,794.7	1,796.2
Unemployment	240.0	200.0	205.4	203.6	191.5	188.8	200.6	211.6	196.0	197.9	190.8	192.3	208.0	203.7	196.9
Unemployment rate	13.7	11.1	11.7	11.5	10.7	10.5	11.0	11.7	10.8	10.9	10.5	10.7	11.6	11.4	11.0
Employment	1,518.0	1,594.0	1,547.7	1,562.6	1,598.8	1,616.0	1,620.9	1,603.4	1,611.5	1,610.4	1,625.6	1,609.2	1,589.5	1,591.0	1,599.3
Nonagricultural	1,328.8	1,383.6	1,354.6	1,362.1	1,379.7	1,385.8	1,403.1	1,391.6	1,396.3	1,390.8	1,398.0	1,400.4	1,394.5	1,383.0	1,384.5
Manufacturing	340.9	358.5	353.3	355.9	361.4	363.1	367.2	358.8	364.6	358.3	360.5	358.8	349.0	352.1	352.6
Durable goods	159.2	173.5	168.0	170.9	173.4	174.6	177.1	175.7	176.7	176.0	175.5	175.2	173.6	172.8	173.8
Lumber and wood products	27.9	29.7	28.4	29.2	29.4	29.8	30.4	30.6	30.8	30.4	30.1	29.5	29.4	28.8	28.9
Stone, clay, glass products	8.7	8.8	8.6	8.8	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.1	8.8	8.7	8.7	8.2	8.8	8.4
Primary metals	24.8	26.4	25.5	26.4	26.6	26.9	27.0	26.5	26.9	26.5	26.2	26.6	26.3	26.4	26.2
Blast furn. and steel works	5.7	7.4	7.1	7.7	7.7	7.8	7.9	7.7	7.6	7.2	7.2	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.3
Iron and steel foundries	10.5	10.1	9.6	10.0	10.1	10.2	10.0	9.8	10.0	10.2	10.1	10.2	10.5	10.6	10.6
Fabricated metals	21.8	23.0	22.7	22.7	22.9	23.0	23.1	23.2	23.4	23.3	23.2	23.3	23.2	23.3	23.5
Machinery (excl. electrical)	15.1	17.7	16.9	17.4	17.6	17.7	18.0	18.0	17.9	18.1	17.8	18.0	18.0	18.2	18.4
Electrical, electronic equip.	21.5	23.2	22.7	22.6	22.9	23.1	23.5	23.3	23.3	23.5	23.5	23.5	23.6	22.9	23.1
Transportation	21.7	25.3	23.8	24.2	25.0	25.2	25.9	25.8	26.0	26.2	26.6	25.9	25.7	25.5	26.0
Other durable goods	17.7	19.5	19.4	19.6	20.0	19.9	20.2	19.3	19.3	19.2	19.4	19.7	19.2	18.9	19.0
Nondurable goods	181.7	184.9	185.3	185.0	188.0	188.5	190.1	183.1	187.9	182.3	185.0	183.6	175.4	179.3	178.8
Food	27.0	28.0	27.0	27.1	27.5	27.8	28.2	28.3	28.4	28.4	28.8	29.0	28.2	28.5	28.6
Textile mill products	39.1	39.3	40.5	40.6	40.8	40.7	40.2	38.5	39.8	37.7	37.8	37.5	36.9	36.6	35.9
Apparel	54.9	55.0	56.1	55.5	57.3	57.6	58.3	52.8	56.3	53.3	55.5	54.2	47.2	50.7	51.2
Paper and allied products	21.5	21.3	21.1	21.0	21.2	21.2	21.7	21.7	21.5	21.2	21.1	21.2	21.1	21.4	21.2
Printing and publishing	10.6	11.3	11.1	11.1	11.3	11.3	11.4	11.3	11.3	11.2	11.4	11.3	11.4	11.6	11.7
Chemicals and allied products	11.8	11.9	11.8	11.9	11.9	12.0	12.0	12.0	12.0	12.0	12.0	11.9	11.9	12.0	11.9
Rubber products	14.8	16.0	15.5	15.6	15.8	15.7	16.1	16.3	16.3	16.3	16.2	16.3	16.5	16.3	16.3
Other nondurable goods	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.3	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.0
Nonmanufacturing	987.9	1,025.1	1,001.3	1,006.2	1,018.3	1,022.7	1,035.9	1,032.8	1,031.7	1,032.5	1,037.5	1,041.6	1,045.5	1,030.9	1,031.9
Mining and quarrying	13.7	14.4	13.9	13.9	14.2	14.3	14.6	14.6	14.7	14.8	14.2	14.6	14.7	14.7	15.0
Bituminous coal mining	10.3	9.9	9.8	9.6	9.9	9.9	9.9	10.0	10.0	10.1	9.6	10.0	10.3	10.3	10.5
Contract construction	59.8	64.5	60.1	61.2	62.8	64.2	66.8	67.4	67.4	67.9	66.2	65.2	66.6	63.7	62.3
Trans., comm., and utilities	69.7	72.1	70.6	71.0	71.5	72.3	73.4	72.7	73.2	72.5	72.7	72.5	72.4	71.4	71.4
Trade	273.3	290.3	277.5	279.9	285.4	287.7	291.3	292.1	295.2	296.3	296.2	299.9	303.5	292.5	289.7
Wholesale	70.1	73.6	71.3	71.8	72.8	73.1	74.3	74.8	74.8	74.7	74.7	75.0	74.9	74.1	73.6
Retail	203.1	216.7	206.2	208.1	212.6	214.6	217.0	217.3	220.4	221.6	221.5	224.9	228.6	218.4	216.1
Finance, insurance, real estate	59.9	62.6	61.1	61.5	61.9	62.2	63.0	63.5	63.4	63.2	63.2	63.5	63.8	63.8	63.9
Service and miscellaneous	218.9	227.5	223.1	225.5	228.6	228.3	229.6	228.6	228.6	228.9	229.8	228.6	228.7	228.6	230.0
Government	292.7	293.8	295.0	293.2	293.9	293.7	297.2	293.9	289.2	288.9	295.2	297.3	295.8	296.2	299.6
Federal	65.3	64.8	64.9	63.5	64.0	64.1	64.5	64.8	65.1	65.0	65.0	65.4	65.5	65.5	65.7
State and local	227.3	229.1	230.1	229.7	229.9	229.6	232.7	229.1	224.1	223.9	230.2	231.9	230.3	230.7	233.9

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA—CONTINUED

Type of Activity	Annual		1984											1985	
	1983	1984	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT—CONT.															
Other employment activity															
State Employment Service *(number)*															
Job applications	207,309	212,083	16,014	16,084	14,672	17,512	18,528	20,564	20,649	16,081	21,966	18,684	13,391	21,285	16,261
Nonagricultural placements	91,100	97,761	5,509	6,477	7,082	7,314	9,582	14,871	14,203	7,719	7,844	6,543	4,876	5,229	4,821
Unemployment compensation															
Initial benefit claims *(number)*	428,181	435,832	29,677	28,150	24,214	25,009	23,457	50,560	37,376	29,346	36,116	35,891	41,032	74,659	34,635
Payments *($1,000)*	191,868	172,593	15,901	15,566	11,949	13,048	12,192	13,536	15,564	12,258	13,716	14,253	16,158	21,274	16,520
County data *(civilian labor force and unemployment rate)*															
Autauga	15,780	15,670	15,290	15,410	15,650	15,740	15,790	15,620	15,640	15,780	15,800	16,070	15,920	15,910	15,880
	14.1	9.6	10.2	9.8	9.4	8.9	8.9	8.8	8.4	9.3	8.6	10.9	10.5	10.1	9.5
Baldwin	33,830	35,530	34,700	34,800	35,000	34,840	35,460	35,830	35,400	37,450	35,440	35,630	37,380	35,550	35,830
	12.3	10.9	12.2	11.5	9.7	8.6	8.9	10.0	9.3	14.8	8.9	9.7	14.7	9.9	10.1
Barbour	11,980	12,220	11,780	11,920	12,150	12,410	12,380	12,300	12,320	12,480	12,740	12,340	12,200	11,930	11,950
	13.1	10.5	10.7	9.2	9.1	9.0	9.6	10.3	9.7	10.9	12.7	10.7	12.4	13.2	12.3
Bibb	5,940	6,240	5,910	6,130	6,320	6,270	6,370	6,320	6,380	6,310	6,250	6,300	6,210	6,210	6,190
	19.6	16.6	17.5	17.8	17.2	16.1	14.5	14.5	16.7	14.3	13.0	15.6	19.9	19.9	16.6
Blount	13,520	16,760	16,690	17,740	16,710	16,610	16,710	16,990	16,450	16,520	16,640	16,690	16,990	17,070	16,620
	18.1	11.0	12.6	17.1	10.5	9.4	9.2	11.1	8.6	9.1	9.5	10.4	11.8	12.3	9.6
Bullock	4,530	4,520	4,200	4,220	4,360	4,500	4,580	4,560	4,670	4,730	4,980	4,730	4,500	4,330	4,350
	17.2	14.5	12.8	12.4	11.3	11.1	14.8	17.1	16.9	14.4	16.0	14.8	17.6	16.8	15.4
Butler	9,900	9,800	9,550	9,630	9,770	9,810	9,880	9,920	9,870	10,000	10,190	9,710	9,650	9,560	9,560
	17.3	13.8	14.1	14.1	12.7	12.7	14.0	15.1	14.4	13.1	13.4	13.2	13.1	13.1	13.9
Calhoun	46,560	47,500	46,210	46,560	47,070	47,360	47,830	48,570	48,190	47,840	48,210	48,110	48,020	47,960	48,150
	13.1	11.3	11.5	11.4	10.1	10.0	10.6	13.7	11.7	10.5	11.2	11.5	11.2	11.4	11.7
Chambers	16,920	16,500	16,520	16,560	16,880	16,940	16,890	16,870	16,570	16,380	16,200	15,930	15,960	16,050	16,340
	9.8	9.3	8.8	8.6	8.9	10.5	10.9	11.6	9.7	9.0	8.9	8.3	8.4	9.2	11.6
Cherokee	11,400	11,670	11,310	11,400	11,800	11,930	11,130	11,580	12,090	12,320	12,290	11,620	11,080	11,000	11,090
	15.4	14.0	15.2	18.6	10.7	10.9	18.7	18.1	8.7	8.3	16.1	15.6	15.8	16.7	16.6
Chilton	15,420	16,180	16,490	16,510	16,200	16,510	16,290	16,020	16,070	15,950	16,030	15,980	15,520	15,840	15,780
	13.3	11.3	10.2	10.6	10.8	10.5	11.2	11.8	11.7	10.9	11.3	13.1	12.8	14.4	13.3
Choctaw	5,560	5,790	5,610	5,620	5,750	6,000	5,790	5,810	5,730	6,050	5,850	5,820	5,930	5,780	5,870
	15.2	16.3	14.3	14.6	12.8	13.8	14.1	18.4	14.4	22.4	18.6	15.1	22.9	16.0	16.2
Clarke	10,810	10,630	10,550	10,630	10,540	10,640	10,690	10,880	10,600	10,810	10,400	10,540	10,550	10,420	10,560
	16.2	14.3	13.4	12.8	12.2	12.7	12.9	15.0	13.1	19.8	12.9	14.0	18.7	11.9	12.8
Clay	7,520	7,580	7,330	7,450	7,590	7,760	7,600	7,560	7,740	7,740	7,670	7,610	7,580	7,530	7,360
	13.8	10.9	11.0	10.7	10.1	10.8	11.7	12.0	11.7	10.5	8.6	9.7	12.8	10.0	10.8
Cleburne	5,210	5,250	5,170	5,240	5,180	5,220	5,270	5,490	5,170	5,240	5,310	5,320	5,310	5,340	5,360
	12.5	10.2	9.9	10.2	8.6	8.6	10.5	14.2	10.0	8.1	8.2	11.7	12.0	11.6	12.7
Coffee	20,040	20,210	19,810	19,920	20,020	20,470	20,510	20,450	20,350	20,410	20,900	20,250	19,890	19,730	19,930
	10.8	6.4	9.5	9.1	7.7	8.2	8.2	8.7	7.9	8.2	8.2	8.1	8.3	7.7	7.8
Colbert	24,050	23,920	23,590	23,660	24,190	24,030	24,430	24,200	24,120	24,080	23,810	23,920	23,880	23,760	24,250
	18.5	16.4	18.5	17.2	17.2	16.1	16.2	16.7	15.4	15.2	14.7	15.5	16.6	16.8	18.0
Conecuh	7,010	7,210	6,860	6,960	7,060	7,290	7,160	7,170	7,060	7,680	7,420	7,350	7,650	7,280	7,290
	12.7	11.8	12.8	11.8	10.8	10.1	10.9	11.5	9.6	14.7	10.5	10.6	15.3	11.2	10.3
Coosa	5,570	5,600	5,510	5,470	5,550	5,590	5,570	5,540	5,620	5,770	5,710	5,700	5,690	5,830	5,670
	10.3	8.0	8.3	7.5	7.6	6.9	8.4	8.1	8.6	9.1	7.2	8.0	8.4	10.4	9.4
Covington	16,340	16,370	16,370	16,370	16,390	16,490	16,470	16,390	16,470	16,250	16,520	16,090	16,360	17,060	16,680
	12.3	9.9	12.1	10.7	9.7	9.0	9.2	10.6	9.4	8.0	8.9	8.6	10.8	15.1	12.6
Crenshaw	7,220	7,460	7,120	7,170	7,490	7,760	7,550	7,390	7,510	7,950	7,840	7,440	7,340	6,990	7,060
	12.1	11.0	10.1	11.3	9.5	10.3	9.8	10.3	9.5	16.0	8.0	9.1	16.7	10.3	10.3
Cullman	28,710	29,550	28,580	28,610	29,540	29,890	29,840	29,670	30,220	30,070	30,600	29,960	29,470	30,020	29,690
	14.7	11.5	13.1	12.4	10.4	9.7	10.3	11.0	12.3	9.6	10.4	12.3	13.9	15.3	13.3
Dale	12,980	22,740	22,120	22,560	22,880	23,040	23,070	22,850	22,690	22,960	23,210	22,920	22,640	22,630	22,810
	13.7	7.7	7.9	8.5	7.8	7.5	7.7	8.7	7.2	7.2	7.4	7.2	6.9	6.8	7.1
Dallas	23,640	23,130	22,470	22,440	22,970	23,110	23,490	23,430	23,660	23,510	23,690	23,250	23,140	23,160	23,160
	17.5	15.7	15.3	14.8	15.1	14.3	15.4	16.3	16.9	16.0	16.5	16.0	15.8	15.4	15.2
DeKalb	29,950	30,830	29,500	29,680	30,760	31,290	31,700	32,030	31,660	31,050	31,330	30,940	30,670	30,670	30,530
	13.8	10.8	11.3	11.1	10.2	9.9	10.5	10.9	9.5	9.7	10.2	10.8	12.4	12.6	12.3
Elmore	20,770	20,770	20,220	20,460	20,770	21,020	21,130	20,890	20,900	20,940	21,020	20,910	20,810	20,960	21,170
	12.2	7.7	8.1	8.1	7.6	7.7	7.9	7.8	7.3	7.5	7.0	7.4	7.4	7.7	8.2
Escambia	17,430	18,110	17,700	17,500	17,980	18,220	18,470	18,270	18,140	18,610	18,100	18,270	18,360	18,070	17,910
	12.6	12.1	12.0	10.9	10.6	11.1	10.6	10.8	10.1	16.9	10.3	11.8	17.0	11.0	9.5
Etowah	42,450	42,610	41,830	41,990	42,410	42,270	42,710	43,080	43,190	43,200	43,020	42,890	42,870	42,270	42,210
	17.5	13.4	14.0	13.5	13.0	11.9	12.1	13.7	13.3	13.4	13.5	13.9	14.7	14.3	14.0
Fayette	10,170	10,440	10,200	10,340	10,460	10,550	10,460	10,390	10,570	10,580	10,570	10,610	10,440	10,510	10,500
	11.7	9.5	8.7	9.1	8.6	8.2	8.7	9.8	10.1	8.9	10.3	10.5	12.2	14.6	13.7
Franklin	14,200	14,830	14,780	14,990	14,950	15,090	15,200	15,340	14,930	14,520	14,610	14,550	14,560	14,420	14,580
	18.2	18.6	21.1	20.9	17.5	17.1	15.6	20.8	17.3	16.2	15.7	17.9	18.9	20.5	20.2
Geneva	11,400	11,740	11,110	11,270	11,620	11,940	12,220	12,060	11,740	11,920	12,370	11,900	11,560	11,620	11,660
	10.5	8.2	8.5	8.4	8.1	7.6	7.5	9.4	7.2	6.8	8.3	8.3	8.9	10.6	9.2
Greene	4,610	4,760	4,840	4,600	4,730	4,690	4,820	4,800	4,840	4,910	4,880	4,750	4,740	4,660	4,780
	16.7	17.1	18.3	16.5	15.8	14.7	15.3	15.7	15.8	18.3	17.0	17.4	20.8	20.2	21.9
Hale	5,310	5,480	5,280	5,290	5,480	5,530	5,490	5,630	5,480	5,580	5,590	5,490	5,480	5,290	5,320
	16.6	17.1	17.6	16.3	16.0	14.6	16.5	20.6	17.3	16.7	14.8	16.3	18.3	16.9	16.7
Henry	7,260	7,290	6,940	6,920	7,290	7,590	7,400	7,250	7,320	7,580	7,750	7,480	7,150	7,090	7,160
	11.2	9.4	9.3	8.0	8.1	8.3	9.0	10.4	9.7	9.6	9.0	10.3	10.2	13.4	13.2
Houston	40,070	36,540	35,360	35,890	36,480	37,040	37,110	36,930	36,460	36,860	37,340	37,050	36,620	36,730	36,900
	10.8	9.0	8.7	8.9	8.4	8.9	9.1	10.5	8.5	8.5	8.8	9.1	8.8	9.1	9.1
Jackson	20,800	19,790	19,790	19,630	20,060	19,920	19,700	20,260	19,550	19,420	19,710	19,840	19,840	19,240	19,350
	22.0	16.8	19.7	17.8	15.5	14.3	15.5	21.3	15.4	14.0	14.1	14.7	19.3	14.8	15.2
Jefferson	310,270	303,510	297,930	301,260	304,620	305,490	309,490	308,440	305,990	304,420	305,220	300,770	301,180	300,140	301,670
	12.8	9.8	10.2	10.5	10.0	9.7	10.1	10.1	9.8	9.5	9.5	8.8	8.8	8.6	8.6
Lamar	8,820	9,340	9,030	9,170	9,320	9,410	9,550	9,490	9,320	9,410	9,480	9,530	9,460	9,520	9,620
	9.8	7.3	7.2	6.8	6.5	7.1	8.5	8.8	7.4	7.0	6.5	7.2	7.1	8.0	8.7
Lauderdale	34,810	35,600	35,110	35,360	35,530	35,540	36,270	36,170	36,140	35,930	35,880	35,660	35,060	35,300	34,980
	16.9	14.8	16.9	16.0	14.6	13.9	14.4	15.5	14.4	13.9	14.2	14.0	13.8	15.1	13.8
Lawrence	14,490	13,450	13,450	13,390	13,670	13,810	13,600	13,510	13,400	13,390	13,470	13,330	13,010	13,230	13,220
	18.7	15.1	17.0	15.7	15.8	15.6	14.6	15.2	13.7	13.5	13.1	14.6	14.8	15.3	15.3
Lee	36,140	38,470	37,950	37,890	38,470	39,050	39,530	38,290	38,310	37,820	38,820	39,080	38,850	39,030	39,190
	8.4	6.5	6.3	5.8	5.2	6.1	7.6	7.4	7.3	6.9	6.8	6.1	5.7	6.5	6.4
Limestone	23,940	20,230	19,610	19,540	20,140	20,400	20,170	20,060	20,130	20,650	21,100	20,830	20,740	20,810	21,160
	11.0	10.8	12.2	11.7	11.1	10.3	10.7	11.4	11.0	10.0	9.6	9.2	10.4	10.8	11.4
Lowndes	5,320	5,090	4,990	4,970	5,070	5,150	5,160	5,110	5,150	5,180	5,150	5,190	5,070	4,890	4,920
	17.6	18.3	17.0	16.8	20.1	18.4	19.3	20.4	19.9	18.9	17.1	16.4	16.7	16.9	17.5
Macon	8,000	8,150	7,900	7,810	7,960	8,040	8,390	8,360	8,310	8,070	8,540	8,300	8,210	8,220	8,340
	13.5	11.1	10.4	9.7	10.0	9.6	13.9	13.8	13.6	11.6	10.6	9.5	9.4	10.3	10.2
Madison	100,410	117,780	112,750	114,780	115,640	117,260	119,290	118,900	119,890	119,640	121,170	120,430	120,830	122,530	121,450
	9.2	7.1	7.6	8.0	7.1	6.8	7.2	7.3	6.6	6.3	6.8	6.3	6.7	7.9	6.6
Marengo	9,920	9,720	9,310	9,470	9,470	9,670	9,800	10,000	9,760	10,250	9,960	9,720	9,930	9,530	9,520
	15.4	14.2	12.8	13.5	12.2	12.0	13.3	15.7	12.9	20.0	13.9	12.3	18.8	13.3	14.4
Marion	13,760	13,580	13,310	13,340	13,520	13,630	13,770	13,810	13,680	13,530	13,710	13,620	13,750	14,000	13,610
	19.4	14.9	15.8	15.3	13.5	12.0	11.5	13.4	14.7	14.0	15.4	16.5	19.8	21.6	17.9
Marshall	34,920	33,050	32,330	32,630	33,010	33,400	33,460	33,720	33,060	33,120	33,390	32,900	33,560	33,140	32,930
	13.0	12.6	13.6	12.6	11.5	10.7	11.5	16.1	11.3	10.8	10.7	10.8	17.9	14.3	12.3
Mobile	163,820	164,730	160,530	161,840	164,630	165,770	168,260	167,720	167,210	164,480	166,680	165,400	164,050	164,810	164,440
	15.9	12.6	13.7	13.5	12.7	12.7	12.7	12.6	12.7	11.8	11.9	11.6	11.6	11.7	11.0

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA—CONTINUED

Type of Activity	Annual		1984											1985	
	1983	1984	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT—CONT.															
County data *(civilian labor force and unemployment rate)* —continued															
Monroe	10,770	11,140	10,810	10,760	10,940	10,830	11,010	10,900	10,950	12,520	11,050	11,170	11,940	10,790	10,730
	12.6	16.2	13.4	12.4	12.1	10.2	12.7	12.5	11.9	32.7	13.2	14.4	31.2	13.9	12.8
Montgomery	92,650	96,610	94,230	94,760	96,410	97,250	98,700	97,650	97,560	97,000	95,200	97,130	96,920	97,010	95,860
	10.6	8.8	9.4	8.8	8.5	8.3	9.4	9.3	8.7	8.2	8.4	8.3	8.6	8.3	7.7
Morgan	37,990	38,870	37,860	38,240	39,280	39,640	40,140	39,680	39,200	39,070	38,880	38,390	38,300	38,560	38,550
	14.5	11.5	12.1	12.5	11.6	11.2	11.7	11.9	11.0	11.2	10.9	10.8	10.6	11.7	11.1
Perry	5,860	5,820	5,410	5,500	5,680	5,770	5,920	5,890	5,970	5,990	6,030	6,130	6,010	5,900	5,780
	14.8	13.3	14.1	11.5	10.4	10.0	10.9	12.1	11.8	10.8	10.0	16.4	21.2	18.8	11.9
Pickens	7,630	7,080	7,110	6,980	7,040	7,200	7,270	7,170	7,140	7,030	7,070	7,000	6,900	6,960	7,110
	17.7	15.9	16.1	15.4	15.3	17.3	16.2	16.3	15.9	13.8	13.8	16.7	16.8	17.0	18.4
Pike	13,770	13,560	13,240	13,470	13,550	13,690	13,670	13,440	13,680	13,470	14,570	13,800	13,060	13,770	13,820
	13.7	10.1	10.9	11.6	9.5	9.0	10.1	10.4	10.2	10.3	8.7	8.7	10.7	8.7	8.2
Randolph	9,170	8,790	8,880	8,590	8,610	8,740	8,780	9,160	8,770	8,720	8,930	8,790	8,590	8,680	8,830
	17.8	14.9	14.7	15.3	13.2	13.3	14.4	22.2	17.0	15.7	14.1	12.0	10.7	11.6	18.1
Russell	18,320	19,290	18,610	18,540	18,830	19,090	20,460	19,650	19,310	19,040	19,190	20,070	19,480	19,950	19,160
	13.7	12.9	13.0	11.2	11.3	11.8	17.1	13.4	10.9	10.8	11.1	14.7	12.3	14.7	12.4
St. Clair	19,350	19,400	19,280	18,930	19,290	19,260	19,490	19,350	19,370	19,750	19,460	19,670	19,910	20,100	20,030
	14.2	11.5	12.9	10.7	10.8	10.1	10.4	10.1	10.6	12.4	10.9	12.5	13.4	14.3	13.6
Shelby	30,510	31,910	31,400	31,150	31,780	32,170	32,780	32,640	32,170	31,760	31,990	31,940	31,650	31,640	31,830
	12.4	10.3	10.9	9.5	9.7	10.3	11.2	11.2	10.3	9.3	9.7	10.2	9.2	9.3	9.4
Sumter	6,990	7,250	6,990	7,180	7,560	7,360	7,470	7,220	7,070	7,270	7,470	7,180	7,220	7,160	7,080
	14.3	11.5	9.9	11.0	12.3	9.9	12.8	13.3	12.7	10.7	10.1	11.5	13.5	13.5	12.7
Talladega	32,030	31,150	30,300	30,690	31,050	31,150	31,970	31,250	31,530	32,230	30,750	31,360	31,140	31,230	31,500
	17.1	15.8	13.9	14.5	14.7	14.3	16.1	15.5	16.7	20.8	14.3	16.9	16.9	18.3	18.8
Tallapoosa	16,580	17,300	16,910	17,070	17,350	17,370	17,850	17,780	17,810	17,290	17,290	17,160	17,010	17,120	17,050
	12.2	9.4	9.5	9.4	8.7	8.4	9.6	10.0	10.4	9.1	9.2	9.4	9.6	11.4	10.6
Tuscaloosa	56,520	58,150	56,900	57,710	58,580	59,210	58,230	57,550	58,040	58,450	58,940	58,770	58,670	57,840	59,050
	12.5	9.6	9.9	10.1	9.1	10.0	10.0	9.8	9.8	8.7	9.1	9.0	9.1	9.1	9.1
Walker	32,980	32,560	32,540	32,630	32,170	32,380	32,440	32,410	32,240	32,110	32,340	33,040	33,830	33,630	33,390
	16.1	13.3	15.2	14.8	12.1	12.2	11.6	11.8	11.8	11.5	12.0	14.4	16.3	15.9	14.9
Washington	6,380	6,490	6,320	6,510	6,450	6,680	6,460	6,620	6,410	6,730	6,670	6,450	6,380	6,280	6,160
	20.0	18.1	16.3	16.6	15.6	18.7	17.6	21.5	18.2	20.8	18.8	16.9	19.4	17.8	15.9
Wilcox	5,860	5,480	5,370	5,260	5,420	5,580	5,800	5,680	5,620	5,530	5,540	5,370	5,190	5,070	5,470
	20.3	15.3	16.2	15.9	15.3	15.7	15.9	16.7	15.3	14.7	14.2	13.5	13.3	12.4	22.0
Winston	9,150	9,260	9,400	9,160	9,200	9,410	9,290	9,080	9,060	9,060	9,460	9,370	9,530	9,420	9,340
	18.6	19.6	24.0	19.0	17.5	18.6	16.5	17.4	17.5	17.1	20.5	21.1	24.4	25.6	23.4
TRADE															
Foreign, through Port of Mobile															
Imports															
Value *($1,000)*	643,182	726,362	40,064	53,684	72,261	83,186	44,217	90,034	54,364	68,859	64,093	41,830	62,625	64,445	72,680
Shipping weight *(1,000,000 lbs.)*	6,286	9,484	508	232	718	905	769	988	1,019	1,032	971	477	1,282	1,044	1,029
Exports															
Value *($1,000)*	788,611	622,949	39,449	46,631	32,516	60,111	47,488	31,808	44,217	42,139	62,763	80,528	65,538	59,759	38,630
Shipping weight *(1,000,000 lbs.)*	9,496	21,911	1,283	1,667	2,096	1,930	1,915	1,292	2,293	1,719	2,353	1,892	1,739	2,201	2,398
Shipments by water, Port of Mobile[6] *(1,000 tons)*	34,916	38,790	2,522	3,015	3,110	3,266	3,413	3,307	3,549	3,362	3,445	3,524	3,262	3,151	3,083
Domestic															
Electric energy consumption, non-industrial purposes															
(1,000,000 kwh)	23,017	24,285	2,093	1,793	1,604	1,607	1,968	2,445	2,384	2,339	1,861	1,785	1,911	2,108	2,400
Gasoline sales[6] *(1,000 gallons)*	1,861,406	1,905,267	141,858	162,105	162,606	162,470	161,968	163,798	168,845	150,779	163,960	157,127	158,793	156,773	133,925
New passenger car registrations[10] *(number)*	122,393	141,896	11,116	11,051	11,616	13,890	12,648	12,806	12,579	10,981	11,452	11,547	11,757	10,748	10,403
Taxable retail sales by kind of business, state totals[11] *($1,000,000)*															
Food		3,647	281	305	305	301	303	311	309	310	304	303	327	306	288
General stores with food and gas		174	12	14	15	15	16	15	15	15	15	14	15	13	12
General merchandise		2,382	144	176	191	191	196	176	190	181	185	238	355	161	149
Apparel		568	34	46	52	45	47	41	48	45	46	52	76	38	34
Furniture, furnishings, etc		544	40	44	43	44	45	47	46	43	46	49	56	43	37
Automotive		3,085	234	275	259	281	298	269	281	243	258	244	240	231	235
Gasoline service stations		296	22	25	25	26	26	26	26	24	26	23	24	24	22
Lumber and building materials		890	61	73	77	81	82	79	80	79	81	76	66	58	52
Hardware and farm implements		427	29	37	39	40	40	38	38	37	37	35	31	29	28
Eating places		1,290	97	112	102	104	106	112	117	110	109	107	118	97	92
Drug stores		263	21	21	21	24	25	19	21	20	20	21	29	26	22
All other retail		2,159	156	173	175	176	181	169	185	179	181	189	242	173	149
Total sales by retail concerns		5,724	1,130	1,303	1,304	1,329	1,355	1,301	1,356	1,288	1,307	1,353	1,581	1,197	1,121
Nonretail and unclassified concerns		2,619	188	213	214	228	228	219	228	231	226	214	240	178	176
Total all sales at retail		8,342	1,317	1,516	1,517	1,558	1,582	1,520	1,585	1,518	1,534	1,567	1,821	1,375	1,297
Taxable retail sales, Metropolitan Statistical Areas and counties[11] *($1,000)*															
MSAs															
Anniston		507,555	36,378	42,586	42,254	43,099	43,687	41,933	42,706	41,645	43,305	43,860	49,878	37,194	34,834
Birmingham		5,033,060	363,629	421,290	417,097	429,630	434,013	415,983	441,446	425,900	419,118	424,494	489,480	382,412	369,592
Dothan		644,945	47,680	53,484	52,862	56,011	57,229	53,804	54,947	50,933	54,537	54,259	65,398	47,246	46,043
Florence		611,318	43,478	50,268	51,028	51,571	52,273	51,042	52,213	49,294	51,841	52,510	63,578	43,554	39,054
Gadsden		459,329	32,352	37,607	38,361	38,951	39,527	41,831	41,115	37,098	38,474	37,070	44,390	33,012	30,588
Huntsville		1,049,153	77,026	85,508	85,698	88,103	89,286	86,598	89,902	84,843	87,088	92,257	108,499	78,179	75,068
Mobile		2,100,409	150,675	173,142	177,426	179,624	185,901	179,437	184,127	170,603	173,503	174,878	201,900	156,382	145,400
Montgomery		1,429,269	102,858	116,574	117,041	122,705	124,747	119,638	122,065	117,364	116,410	124,709	145,775	107,455	105,009
Tuscaloosa		631,155	45,373	51,256	51,859	52,063	53,322	51,062	55,374	53,489	53,170	53,013	64,711	45,319	45,987
Counties															
Autauga		96,596	6,981	7,967	8,238	8,135	8,431	8,420	8,216	8,064	7,953	8,237	9,204	7,429	7,797
Baldwin		341,387	24,510	28,073	28,689	30,045	30,896	31,162	31,427	28,072	28,086	27,750	30,375	24,499	23,434
Barbour		71,523	4,784	5,878	5,893	6,202	6,334	6,188	6,656	5,584	6,073	6,151	6,824	5,539	5,867
Bibb		41,386	2,970	3,282	3,318	3,674	3,711	3,266	3,621	3,269	3,500	3,782	4,200	2,976	2,961
Blount		88,978	6,129	6,974	7,144	7,750	7,927	7,471	8,243	7,349	7,950	7,427	8,558	6,892	6,735
Bullock		25,480	2,142	2,143	2,123	1,977	2,001	2,014	2,106	2,178	1,846	2,119	2,724	2,064	1,989
Butler		65,529	4,604	5,453	5,554	5,364	5,473	5,667	5,679	5,723	5,140	5,508	5,843	5,043	4,505
Calhoun		507,555	36,378	42,586	42,254	43,099	43,687	41,933	42,706	41,645	43,305	43,860	49,878	37,194	34,834
Chambers		106,996	7,893	9,214	9,079	9,382	8,917	8,913	8,922	8,447	9,082	9,187	9,385	8,208	7,340
Cherokee		47,879	3,634	3,913	4,128	4,340	4,432	3,861	4,172	3,756	4,012	3,789	4,396	3,736	3,404
Chilton		99,768	7,004	8,129	8,266	8,494	8,634	8,029	8,510	8,074	8,747	8,797	10,137	7,478	7,738
Choctaw		36,586	2,759	3,203	3,039	2,922	3,007	3,097	3,197	2,821	2,913	3,086	3,547	3,056	2,478
Clarke		98,562	7,229	8,282	8,615	7,937	8,061	7,671	8,821	8,256	8,654	8,783	10,021	7,832	7,673
Clay		26,377	1,877	2,294	2,220	2,239	2,285	2,169	2,262	2,189	2,171	2,231	2,556	1,996	1,809
Cleburne		22,175	1,611	1,937	1,951	1,986	2,000	2,033	1,897	1,756	1,868	1,710	1,680	1,577	1,317
Coffee		185,530	14,295	16,957	16,213	16,490	16,275	14,951	15,276	14,579	14,317	14,959	17,749	13,647	12,740

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Type of Activity	Annual		1984											1985	
	1983	1984	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.
TRADE—CONTINUED															
Taxable retail sales, MSAs and counties—continued															
Counties—continued															
Colbert	.....	249,722	18,128	20,910	21,051	21,733	22,029	21,513	21,620	20,073	20,906	20,438	23,757	17,308	16,809
Conecuh	.....	37,485	2,723	3,441	3,132	3,069	3,034	2,968	2,862	4,323	2,822	2,973	3,633	2,686	2,631
Coosa	.....	8,920	528	723	714	700	671	760	825	813	842	828	897	781	743
Covington	.....	136,907	10,588	12,109	11,558	11,618	11,836	11,258	12,007	11,060	11,336	10,903	13,054	9,712	9,417
Crenshaw	.....	30,671	2,302	2,509	2,537	2,532	2,581	2,452	2,338	2,176	2,661	3,068	3,138	2,521	2,477
Cullman	.....	237,528	16,817	19,756	20,046	20,196	20,945	20,006	19,894	19,142	21,048	20,352	23,400	16,767	15,467
Dale	.....	104,707	7,619	8,766	8,492	8,857	8,984	8,944	8,834	8,908	8,759	9,020	10,489	7,355	7,431
Dallas	.....	198,885	14,086	16,688	16,519	17,220	17,386	16,274	16,458	16,181	17,106	17,208	19,540	15,273	14,197
DeKalb	.....	179,757	13,024	13,828	14,710	15,557	15,868	14,959	15,492	14,942	15,251	15,805	16,971	12,283	11,220
Elmore	.....	101,943	7,516	8,428	8,221	8,865	9,047	8,824	9,008	8,778	8,138	8,334	9,785	7,583	7,566
Escambia	.....	141,680	10,622	12,089	12,450	11,746	11,940	11,383	11,532	11,247	12,245	11,877	14,689	10,505	9,985
Etowah	.....	459,329	32,362	37,607	38,361	38,951	39,527	41,831	41,115	37,098	38,474	37,070	44,390	33,012	30,588
Fayette	.....	64,900	4,969	5,816	5,400	5,683	5,755	4,967	5,280	5,730	5,116	5,075	6,381	4,365	4,554
Franklin	.....	99,480	7,347	8,516	8,423	8,434	8,631	8,147	8,527	8,174	8,022	8,770	9,773	7,769	7,055
Geneva	.....	144,756	11,558	11,995	12,075	12,455	12,502	11,657	11,908	11,847	11,655	12,625	13,638	11,280	11,181
Greene	.....	18,279	1,281	1,564	1,492	1,614	1,639	2,062	1,611	1,388	1,489	1,393	1,476	1,199	1,053
Hale	.....	31,282	2,395	2,767	2,573	2,805	2,854	2,528	2,783	2,601	2,520	2,507	2,710	2,477	2,101
Henry	.....	35,706	2,465	3,030	3,011	2,956	3,011	2,953	2,999	3,276	2,790	3,220	3,672	3,299	2,808
Houston	.....	540,238	40,061	44,718	44,370	47,154	48,245	44,860	46,113	42,025	45,778	45,239	54,909	39,891	38,612
Jackson	.....	136,358	9,452	10,927	10,913	11,322	11,536	11,259	12,662	11,330	12,064	12,042	13,490	10,066	9,257
Jefferson	.....	4,278,242	310,000	360,080	355,200	363,015	366,637	351,927	374,451	363,331	355,103	360,801	419,356	322,637	315,627
Lamar	.....	37,885	2,901	3,797	3,127	3,428	3,472	3,128	3,078	2,963	2,951	3,152	3,197	2,782	2,395
Lauderdale	.....	361,596	25,350	29,358	29,977	29,838	30,244	29,529	30,593	29,221	30,935	32,072	39,821	26,246	22,245
Lawrence	.....	51,733	3,475	4,135	4,216	4,585	4,677	4,108	4,442	4,234	4,404	4,546	5,264	3,820	3,691
Lee	.....	346,150	24,526	28,202	28,153	29,222	29,605	28,061	29,065	29,665	29,330	30,512	34,862	25,026	24,196
Limestone	.....	161,392	11,418	13,548	13,572	14,093	14,358	13,124	13,888	13,411	13,102	13,934	15,776	12,078	11,669
Lowndes	.....	16,814	1,215	1,339	1,380	1,462	1,480	1,336	1,366	1,369	1,431	1,398	1,758	1,417	1,537
Macon	.....	45,050	3,179	3,481	3,654	3,760	3,838	3,770	4,291	3,996	3,654	3,623	3,953	3,598	2,831
Madison	.....	1,049,153	77,028	85,508	85,698	88,103	89,286	86,598	89,902	84,843	87,088	92,257	108,499	78,179	75,068
Marengo	.....	69,292	5,112	5,668	5,439	5,510	5,634	5,465	5,847	5,486	5,901	6,433	7,194	5,791	5,260
Marion	.....	95,292	7,017	8,213	7,474	7,926	8,139	7,811	7,993	7,848	7,633	8,326	10,052	7,723	6,492
Marshall	.....	339,251	23,969	27,935	28,111	29,288	29,820	28,261	29,634	28,249	28,397	29,511	33,322	24,921	24,205
Mobile	.....	1,759,022	126,165	145,069	148,737	149,579	155,005	148,275	152,700	142,531	145,417	147,128	171,525	131,883	121,966
Monroe	.....	102,585	6,518	8,373	7,656	7,711	7,937	7,721	9,954	9,182	8,969	11,484	10,913	6,070	5,891
Montgomery	.....	1,230,730	88,361	100,179	100,582	105,705	107,269	102,594	104,841	100,522	100,319	108,138	126,786	92,443	89,646
Morgan	.....	452,675	31,383	36,643	37,601	38,520	39,123	36,426	38,736	38,007	38,334	40,485	47,026	32,528	31,272
Perry	.....	25,163	1,870	2,145	2,028	2,148	2,171	2,096	2,313	2,378	2,165	1,998	2,163	1,753	1,703
Pickens	.....	41,288	2,925	3,487	3,625	3,638	3,690	3,447	3,564	3,319	3,586	3,298	3,745	2,788	2,841
Pike	.....	90,409	6,699	7,674	7,344	7,577	7,498	7,147	7,892	7,630	8,008	7,742	8,756	7,418	6,284
Randolph	.....	57,879	4,642	4,900	4,443	4,788	4,861	4,674	4,446	4,674	4,793	5,183	5,335	5,483	4,304
Russell	.....	121,315	8,983	10,008	9,962	10,377	10,404	10,384	10,772	10,004	10,335	10,108	11,798	8,963	8,515
St. Clair	.....	120,938	9,182	10,380	9,984	10,753	10,936	10,100	10,278	10,194	10,527	9,511	10,776	8,983	8,554
Shelby	.....	253,285	17,886	21,009	20,782	22,707	22,932	21,957	23,310	20,977	21,059	20,983	21,835	20,917	17,453
Sumter	.....	30,853	2,163	2,867	2,444	2,410	2,508	2,530	2,556	2,432	2,604	2,890	3,107	2,459	2,160
Talladega	.....	239,971	17,186	19,187	20,357	22,808	21,292	20,634	19,730	18,616	19,184	20,080	23,618	18,020	17,138
Tallapoosa	.....	127,201	9,644	10,653	11,075	11,406	11,589	10,720	10,378	9,840	10,119	10,523	11,786	9,435	8,464
Tuscaloosa	.....	631,155	45,373	51,856	50,659	52,063	53,322	51,062	55,374	53,489	53,170	53,013	64,711	45,319	45,987
Walker	.....	291,617	20,432	22,847	23,987	25,405	25,581	24,528	25,164	24,049	24,479	25,772	28,955	22,983	21,223
Washington	.....	21,447	1,619	1,720	1,825	1,931	1,971	1,695	2,022	1,791	1,896	1,630	1,771	1,470	1,541
Wilcox	.....	27,981	2,092	2,419	2,249	2,406	2,468	2,356	2,313	2,227	2,290	2,189	2,587	2,080	2,251
Winston	.....	71,203	5,188	6,015	6,159	6,434	6,439	5,736	6,070	5,981	5,645	5,922	6,642	5,502	4,534
Statewide[11]	.....	972,958	63,303	74,534	77,098	75,460	77,971	76,395	82,124	83,060	86,032	86,022	106,917	78,940	62,064
BUILDING PERMITS[12]															
Alabama															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Reported value	.....	1,079,085	1,258,032	75,497	99,328	193,079	97,366	115,116	99,776	147,117	80,497	84,514	95,153	105,139	60,081	65,750
Residential	.....	449,881	438,383	38,376	39,447	46,811	38,102	43,568	36,909	42,389	33,332	36,966	36,682	20,874	25,969	28,712
Nonresidential	.....	366,127	586,743	21,524	32,351	130,709	42,724	53,582	44,597	79,263	27,171	29,249	36,821	66,040	21,592	28,887
In selected cities															
Anniston															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Reported value	.....	8,848	8,869	644	790	788	915	842	833	749	694	737	669	613	659	627
Residential	.....	3,593	3,530	255	317	317	408	324	322	317	248	256	255	263	258	272
Nonresidential	.....	932	1,213	93	126	113	117	139	104	92	90	95	93	76	111	73
Birmingham															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Reported value	.....	213,343	104,141	4,413	8,945	7,619	5,562	8,258	8,169	14,214	10,005	5,797	12,365	13,105	5,535	11,188
Residential	.....	31,921	15,598	1,574	2,100	2,551	814	1,299	763	1,285	1,271	1,076	963	802	773	1,241
Nonresidential	.....	108,370	25,706	530	1,071	90	768	2,963	2,369	1,967	3,606	4,675	1,568	5,114	2,057	2,717
Decatur															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Reported value	.....	14,095	18,028	1,111	1,075	1,106	1,520	1,342	1,909	2,170	1,767	1,920	1,720	1,476	1,444	1,133
Residential	.....	7,340	11,596	845	739	739	1,096	925	1,080	1,357	1,053	1,142	1,052	897	814	570
Nonresidential	.....	2,156	2,744	81	115	139	172	171	355	429	318	347	294	249	283	226
Dothan															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Reported value	.....	18,943	17,520	1,064	1,568	1,353	1,326	1,514	901	1,599	1,344	1,857	2,461	1,458	967	886
Residential	.....	7,760	6,718	631	685	695	448	759	182	226	370	670	1,405	203	324	432
Nonresidential	.....	6,339	5,478	100	452	518	238	257	125	641	666	860	680	483	58	118
Gadsden															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Reported value	.....	13,596	9,310	530	214	565	1,351	865	166	260	886	2,546	1,057	215	123	288
Residential	.....	2,006	2,129	57	92	347	976	219	26	74	46	53	128	.....	56	103
Nonresidential	.....	3,912	5,826	452	102	163	122	493	101	143	813	2,331	894	188	40	141
Huntsville															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Reported value	.....	122,759	147,927	16,817	12,836	8,111	13,997	13,853	14,007	14,163	6,626	8,187	13,808	19,407	6,178	6,268
Residential	.....	51,350	55,064	7,732	4,874	4,843	3,753	6,032	3,331	6,078	2,825	2,982	8,817	1,593	2,863	1,440
Nonresidential	.....	45,128	73,370	5,358	7,169	2,413	8,366	5,970	9,394	6,045	3,339	3,835	3,266	15,945	2,668	2,755
Mobile															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Reported value	.....	109,508	254,605	5,366	17,080	116,254	6,250	36,928	6,707	4,020	6,484	10,322	10,320	31,156	7,730	4,770
Residential	.....	38,261	26,314	1,470	1,424	2,639	2,009	6,935	3,208	1,071	1,201	2,636	1,673	1,065	1,478	1,738
Nonresidential	.....	49,663	197,690	2,488	4,160	112,221	3,331	28,665	2,127	1,153	3,886	2,288	7,264	28,688	5,120	2,165

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Type of Activity	Annual		1984											1985	
	1983	1984	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.
BUILDING ACTIVITY —CONTINUED															
Montgomery															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Reported value	76,984	94,862	5,100	6,477	6,330	6,994	7,007	8,192	8,070	7,254	8,188	11,037	6,049	6,554	6,027
Residential	32,619	35,697	2,131	2,462	2,509	2,493	2,528	3,504	3,361	2,991	3,262	5,463	2,557	2,140	3,036
Nonresidential	28,264	46,198	1,882	2,727	2,496	3,043	3,059	3,719	3,896	3,407	4,000	5,193	2,843	3,750	2,321
Quad-Cities[13]															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Reported value	12,978	39,267	1,410	4,666	2,443	4,910	1,260	2,227	1,799	2,246	1,917	800	12,947	691	532
Residential	6,391	7,172	754	1,298	700	792	323	633	721	533	430	381	126	351	177
Nonresidential	3,506	23,675	585	3,031	1,079	3,887	614	1,265	160	196	323	178	12,150	48	51
Selma															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Reported value	4,197	7,002	213	219	1,019	356	158	994	184	819	593	309	312	36	109
Residential	357	643	.....	24	87	82	117	148	75	.....	76	35	.....	36	109
Nonresidential	798	1,908	133	36	717	35	.....	7	.....	617	4	188	167	.....	.....
Tuscaloosa															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Reported value	30,159	34,459	2,647	3,328	1,804	4,323	4,183	1,719	2,805	2,463	2,228	3,713	3,739	1,420	7,960
Residential	14,849	15,717	1,163	2,097	988	2,153	1,284	737	1,634	1,356	789	1,268	1,218	693	4,328
Nonresidential	6,227	10,707	929	573	277	1,529	1,901	615	360	552	1,145	664	2,029	100	2,933

NOTE: Throughout this table, details do not necessarily add to totals due to rounding. [1]Estimated total for calendar month based on adjustment of weekly data.
[2]Individual months may not add to annual totals due to late revisions in annual data.
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[4]End-of-month balance.
[5]Beginning January 1978, the Consumer Price Index consists of "All Urban Consumers." Prior to that date, it included only "Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers." Historical data will not be available due to the change in coverage. No "Energy" data are available prior to 1978, and "Housing" data prior to January 1978 are not comparable to the new "Housing" series due to a change in definition.
[6]These data were previously presented as the "Wholesale Price Index." The new title more accurately reflects the coverage of the data.
[7]Civilian labor force, unemployment, and total employment are adjusted by place of residence, and total nonagricultural employment and its components are by place of work. All monthly data are adjusted to a March benchmark of the previous year.
[8]Includes both inbound and outbound shipments by water moving through private facilities as well as through the Alabama State Docks; excludes tonnage for military installations.
[9]Gross gallons of gasoline as reported by wholesale distributors.
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[11]Retail sales data represent sales at retail **which are subject to sales tax** as reported to the Alabama Department of Revenue under the definition of the Alabama Sales Tax Law. Total sales figures include taxable sales at retail by wholesalers and other nonretail firms as well as retail concerns. Sales at retail thus defined should not be confused with all sales (including nonretail sales) by retail concerns as reported in the *Census of Retail Trade*. **Monthly sales figures are preliminary and subject to revision on a continuing basis. Sales figure for the two latest months are normally low because they do not yet include data from late reporters. Retail sales historical data prior to 1984 are not available for the new series. The "Statewide" category in the "County" section provides sales figures which are not attributable to individual counties; it does not represent a state total.**
[12]Represents permits issued by selected permit-issuing places. Private construction only. May be partially estimated by the Bureau of the Census. "Reported value" includes additions and alterations and is not a sum of residential and nonresidential.
[13]Quad-Cities and consists of Florence, Muscle Shoals, Sheffield, and Tuscumbia.

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Alabama's Veterans: A Comparison by Sex

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tion of those not in the labor force are reflective of the labor force situation for the general population. In 1980, there were 334,000 Alabama veterans in the labor force—78.9 percent of the state's 413,300 male veterans and 49.7 percent of the state's 15,500 female veterans. Only 2.3 percent of the state's veterans in the labor force were women. Of those in the labor force, 89.6 percent of the female veterans and 95.3 percent of the male veterans were employed. Hence, 10.4 percent of Alabama's female veterans and only 4.7 percent of the state's male veterans in the labor force were unemployed. Labor force participation by Alabama's veteran population was quite similar to labor force participation by the state's general population. In 1980, 70.0 percent of males 16 years old and over were in the labor force compared to 45.1 percent of the females of similar age. Within the labor force, 93.3 percent of the males were employed compared to 91.4 percent of the females. The majority of veterans in Alabama, both males (76.4 percent) and females (52.3 percent), who were employed in 1979 worked between fifty and fifty-two weeks. Only 23.6 percent of employed male veterans worked less than fifty weeks in 1979, while 47.7 percent of the employed female veterans worked less than fifty weeks.

For female veterans as well as females as a whole, a significantly larger proportion did not participate in the labor force than did their male counterparts. In 1980, 50.3 percent of the female veterans in Alabama were not in the labor force, while 21.0 percent of the male veterans in the state were not in the labor force. Similarly, 54.6 percent of females 16 years old and over were not in the labor force compared to 28.2 percent of males in the same age group. Only 1.3 percent of the female veterans not in the labor force were in institutions, compared to 4.0 percent for male veterans. More of the female veterans not in the labor force were in school, 9.0 percent compared to 4.2 percent for male veterans. With respect to Alabama's general population, 4.4 percent of males and 1.9 percent of females 16 years old and over who were not in the labor force were inmates of institutions.

Labor force participation by United States service veterans as a whole is analogous to labor force participation by Alabama's veterans. In 1980, 79.8 percent of veterans in the United States, male and female, were in the labor force. Of the 22.8 million veterans in the labor force, only 2.6 percent were women. Slightly more than half (594,400) of the 1.1 million female veterans were in the labor force. The proportion of male veterans in the labor force was 80.9 percent, a share significantly larger than that for women.

Income

With respect to income, both in Alabama and the United States, females in general as well as female veterans in particular earned less than their male counterparts. In Alabama in 1979, 82.5 percent of all females with an income earned between $1,000 and $10,000; 16.4 percent earned between $10,000 and $25,000; and 1.0 percent earned $25,000 or more. The income of Alabama's male population was much higher. Approximately 49.0 percent of all males with an income earned between $1,000 and $10,000; 39.6 percent earned between $10,000 and $25,000; and 11.0 percent earned $25,000 or more.

During the same year, 69.0 percent of female veterans in Alabama earned less than $10,000; 26.2 percent earned between $10,000 and $25,000; and 4.8 percent earned $25,000 or more. Alabama's male veterans earned significantly more. The percentage of male veterans that earned less than $10,000 in 1979 equalled 32.3 percent; 48.6 percent earned between $10,000 and $25,000; and 19.1 percent earned $25,000 or more.

Income levels of United States service veterans was comparable to the income levels of Alabama's veterans. In 1979, 64.3 percent of female veterans in the United States who reported income earned less than $10,000; 31.4 percent earned between $10,000 and $25,000; and only 4.3 percent earned $25,000 or more. For male veterans who reported income in 1979, the picture was much brighter. Only 25.6 percent of the male veterans earned less than $10,000; 50.9 percent earned between $10,000 and $25,000; and 23.5 percent of U.S. male veterans earned $25,000 or more. According to the Veterans Administration, the median income of female veterans in the United States reporting income in 1979 was $7,200, only 42 percent of the median income recorded for male veterans who reported income. This earnings differential was present among males and females in the general population as well, evidence that the income gap was more a function of gender than veteran status. In fact, veterans as a group reported higher median earnings than the population at large. Overall, the median income in 1979 was highest for male veterans ($17,000) followed by the median income for all males ($12,200), female veterans ($7,200), and all females ($5,300).

This article was not intended to provide an understanding of the causes of the conditions expressed but only to serve as a catalyst for performing further analytical research. Additional examination of the status of women, both veterans and otherwise in Alabama as well as the United States, may stimulate positive action toward greater equality among the sexes.

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